



MEMORANDUM
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To: Ms. Ama-Lee Amin
Division Chief, (CSD/CCS)

From: Mr. Gerard Alleng
Seniro Specialist, (CSD/CCS)

Subject: BTOR. Georgetown, Guyana. Special Mission: Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (GY-T1097/ Institutional Strengthening in Support of Guyana's LCDS (GY-G1002).

Date: October 5-6, 2016

Please find attached the Back-to-the-Office Report for the above mentioned mission.

The mission comprised Gerard Alleng (CSD/CCS), team leader on the mission.

Mr. Alleng will be glad to provide you with any additional information you may require.

The report outlines the Aide Memoire.

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Ms. Amal-Lee Amin
Division Chief (CSD/CCS)

Enc.: Back-to-the-office report document.

CLIMATE CHANGE DIVISION (CSD/CCS)

GUYANA

SPECIAL MISSION: FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY (GY-T1097)/ INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING IN SUPPORT OF GUYANA'S LCDS (GY-G1002)

GEORGETOWN

OCTOBER 5-6, 2016

I. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. Pursuant to the initiation of activities under the technical cooperation "Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF)" (GY-T1097) and completion of activities under the investment grant "Institutional Strengthening in Support of Guyana's LCDS" (GY-G1002) in Guyana, the Climate Change Division (CSD/CCS) undertook a special mission to Guyana to participate in a stakeholders workshop for GY-T1097 and engage the executing agencies in discussions surrounding the completion of activities related to the closure of GY-G1002 and implementation of a second programming phase. This Back to Office report outlines the details of the activities and discussions that took place during the mission.

II. OBJECTIVE

- 2.1. The general objectives of the mission were to: (i) participate in the stakeholders' workshop for the FCPF Project in Guyana (GY-T1097); (ii) engage in discussions with Ministry of the Presidency on Institutional Strengthening Project.
- 2.2. The mission in Guyana took place from October 5-6th 2016 in Georgetown and was comprised of Mr. Alan Mentis (CCB/CGY) and Mr. Gerard Alleng (CSD/CCS), team leader on the mission.
- 2.3. The mission team met the following entities and persons in Guyana:
 - Stakeholders of the FCPF program
 - Ministry of the Presidency: Ms. Janelle Christian, Mr. Nikolaus Oudkerk and Mr. Marlon Bristol
- 2.4. The mission team wishes to express its gratitude to the PMO/OCC, Ministry of the Presidency, as well as to the IDB Representation in Guyana for the support provided during the mission.

III. RESULTS

Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (GY-T1097):

- 3.1. The initial stakeholders' workshop of the FCPF brought together stakeholders representing various interests in the project including that of government agencies, private sector, international partners, civil society organizations, indigenous NGOs and academia (Annex II). The workshop focused on issues related to the implementation and execution of the project through a series of group and individual interactions. The issues covered included:
- Understanding REDD+ and the FCPF's pivotal role
 - Addressing the range of stakeholder and agency interests – perceptions, expectations, rights, roles and responsibilities
 - Increasing the rate of project execution
 - Learning from best practices of other countries with FCPF programs
 - Understanding the Common Approach of FCPF – its essential framework
 - Need for a strong communications approach

A decision was made to implement a Project Steering Committee which will be comprised of representation from the various stakeholders. A commitment was made by stakeholders to support the implementation of the program.

Institutional Strengthening in Support of Guyana's LCDS:

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IV. NEXT STEPS / AGREEMENTS

Forest Carbon Partnership Facility
Ministry of Natural Resources:

- i. Provide stakeholders with resource material from the workshop.
- ii. Establish the Project Steering Committee.

Institutional Strengthening in Support of Guyana's LCDS
Ministry of the Presidency:

- i. [REDACTED]
- ii. [REDACTED]

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Attachments:

ANNEX 1. Terms of Reference and Mission Agenda

CLIMATE CHANGE DIVISION (CSD/CCS) Special Mission “Forest Carbon Partnership Facility Project in Guyana (GY-T1097).”

Terms of Reference

Place: Georgetown, Guyana

Date: October 5-6th 2016

Participants: Gerard Alleng (CSD/CCS), Alan Mentis (CCB/CGY)

Objectives

The general objectives of the mission are to: (i) participate in the stakeholders workshop for the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility Project in Guyana (GY-T1097); (ii) engage in discussions with Ministry of the Presidency on institutional strengthening project.

Activities

- a. Participation in FCPF stakeholders workshop.
- b. Discussions with the Ministry of the Presidency on institutional strengthening project.

Mission Team

Gerard Alleng (CSD/CCS): Will serve as mission chief, will lead the discussions on the operation. He will also lead the preparation of the Back to Office Report for the mission.

Alan Mentis (CCB/CGY): Will participate in the dialogue and discussions with the government. He will also contribute to the Back-to-Office report

Relation with the Country Office

All mission activities will be closely coordinated with the Country Office in Guyana.

Reports

At the end of the mission, the mission chief will prepare a Back to Office Report.

Draft Agenda

Date	Time	Talking Points	Participants	Location
Wednesday 5 th October 2016	AM		<u>Mission Arrival</u> Gerard Alleng (CSD/CCS)	Georgetown
	AM/PM	Participation in FCPF stakeholders workshop	<u>Inter-American Development Bank</u> Sophie Makonnen (CCB/CGY) Sharon Miller (CCB/CGY) Gerard Alleng (CSD/CCS) Alan Mentis (CCB/CGY) Kevin Bonnett (CCB/CGY) <u>Ministry of Natural Resources</u> Hon. Raphael Trotman (Minister of Natural Resources) Joslyn McKenzie, (Permanent Secretary) Clayton Hall (FCPF Project Coordinator) Michelle Ashwood (FCPF Project Assistant) <u>Project stakeholders</u> <u>Workshop facilitator</u> Frederick Nunes	Pegasus Hotel, Georgetown

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	PM	Discussion on Institutional Strengthening Project	<u>Inter-American Development Bank</u> Gerard Alleng (CSD/CCS) Alan Mentis (CCB/CGY) Sharon Miller (CCB/CGY) <u>Ministry of the Presidency</u> Janelle Christian (OCC) Marlon Bristol (PMO) Nikolaus Oudkerk (PMO)	Pegasus Hotel, Georgetown
Thursday 6 th October 2016	AM/PM	Participation in FCPF stakeholders workshop	<u>Inter-American Development Bank</u> Sophie Makonnen (CCB/CGY) Sharon Miller (CCB/CGY) Gerard Alleng (CSD/CCS) Alan Mentis (CCB/CGY) Kevin Bonnett (CCB/CGY) <u>Ministry of Natural Resources</u> Clayton Hall (FCPF Project Coordinator) Michelle Ashwood (FCPF Project Assistant) <u>Project stakeholders</u> <u>Workshop facilitator</u> Frederick Nunes	Pegasus Hotel, Georgetown

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Friday 7 th October 2016	AM		<u>Mission Departure</u>	

Annex II: Workshop Agenda and Participants List

FCPF Stakeholder Workshop

October 5-6, 2016

Pegasus Hotel

Georgetown, Guyana

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Day 1

08:30 Light breakfast

09:00 Welcome and Challenge

09:10 Participants' Voices

- (a) Expectations of these two days
- (b) Post-it notes: (i) great promise of FPCF (ii) problems (iii) challenges
- (c) Expectations of FCPF
- (d) Electronic vote

10:00 Opening Remarks

10:20 Reactions – dialogue

10:30 *Break*

10:50 Icebreaker

11:40 Presentation of FCPF Program in Guyana

12:30 *Lunch*

13:30 Perceptions Exercise – seeing, believing, knowing

15:00 *Break*

15:20 Presentation of Peru's FCPF experience

16:10 Table Discussion – Lessons for Guyana

16:30 Sharing

17:00 Close

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Day 2

09:00 Check-in: Aha moments & questions from yesterday

09:20 Issues from yesterday's survey – table discussions

10:00 Brief Reports

10:30 *Break*

10:50 In two years - Vision of FCPF as successful – '35'

11:30 Further clarification of FCPF as a path to REDD+
Stairway, Ladder

12:00 Identify elements for those steps – table discussions

12:30 *Lunch*

13:30 Lessons (from Peru), Learning (our mistakes) and Building the FCPF's Future

What are we resolve, commit to doing together?

How will we do it? How will we map and manage our stakeholders?

15:00 *Break*

Change formula: the first step – construct a wish list, choose and commit

What is the essential mechanism?

16:30 Communication and accountability

17:00 Close

FCPF WORKSHOP INVITATION LIST

CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS, INDIGENOUS NGOs
The Amerindian Action Movement of Guyana
National Toshias Council
Amerindian Peoples Association
National Amerindian Development Foundation
Guyanese Organization of Indigenous Peoples
North Rupununi District Development Board
South Central Peoples Development Association
Upper Mazaruni District Council
North Pakarimas District Council
Indigenous Peoples Commission
Guyana Trades Union Congress
Federation of Independent Trade Unions of Guyana
University of Guyana – School of Earth & Environmental Sciences, Faculty of Forestry
Forest Products Association
Guyana Gold and Diamond Miners Association
Indigenous Peoples Commission
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, PRIVATE SECTOR & INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS
Ministry of Natural Resources
Guyana Forestry Commission/REDD Secretariat (GFC/RS)
Environmental Protection Agency
Ministry of Indigenous Peoples Affairs
Office of Climate Change
Guyana Lands and Surveys Commission
Ministry of Agriculture
Guyana Energy Agency
Ministry of the President/Department of Environment
UNDP
Private Sector Commission
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